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REMARKS

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the detailed remarks and allowance of claims 1-7, 9 and 13-16. Claim 12 was amended and new claim 17 has been presented. Accordingly, claims 12 and 17 are pending.


Claim 12 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Japan '613. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. Japan '613 fails to disclose or suggest a resilient member mounted between said plenum and said bellows. Furthermore, it appears that Japan '613 includes an actively controlled bellows through piston or solenoid 7. Amended claim 12 is therefore properly allowable.

New claim 17 specifically recites a spring which is neither disclosed nor suggested by Japan '613 and is thus properly allowable.

If any additional fees or extensions of time are required, please charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1482.

Applicant respectfully submits that this case is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a teleconference will facilitate moving this case forward to being issued, Applicant's representative can be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully Submitted,
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